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# ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT 2021/22 BUDGET MONITORING

**REPORT (PERIOD 3)** 

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members of projected revenue expenditure for the Economy and Environment Directorate for the 2021/22 financial year. Service Divisions include Regeneration & Planning Division, Infrastructure Services Division, Public Protection Division and Community & Leisure Services Division.

#### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report summarises the most recent budget monitoring projections for 2021/2022 based on the latest available financial information.
- 2.2 The attached appendices outline more detailed budget monitoring figures for each of the Council Fund Services outlined in paragraph 1.1 above

#### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Members are requested to note the contents of this report and the detailed budget monitoring pages that follow in respect of the , Infrastructure Services Division, Public Protection Division and Community & Leisure Services Division which all fall within the remit of this Scrutiny.

# 4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Council Budget is based on the achievement of both expenditure and income targets. To ensure that these are met, and the Council's financial integrity is maintained Directors are required to review income and expenditure trends.

#### 5. THE REPORT

# 5.1 INTRODUCTION

5.1.1 The report outlines the revenue budget position for each of the service Divisions that form part of the Economy & Environment Directorate based on the most current financial information available. Projected outturn figures for the financial year are compared with the budget to show the anticipated under/overspends. More detailed budget monitoring figures are shown in

- the appendices 1a to 1d.
- 5.1.2 The table 1 below summarises the present budget monitoring position, with an overall Directorate underspend of £377k, but exclusive of ring-fenced budgets is projecting an overspend of £8k. Appendices 1a to 1d provide more detail on the budget variation projections for each Service Division.

TABLE 1	Estimate 2021/2022	Revised Estimate 2021/2022	Outturn 2021/2022	Variance 2021/2022
Regeneration & Planning Division	2,866	2,866	2,821	45
Infrastructure Division	20,694	20,694	20,286	408
Public Protection Division	7,543	7,543	7,449	95
Community & Leisure Services Division	22,284	22,284	22,456	(172)
Directorate General	178	178	177	1
NET DIRECTORATE	53,565	53,565	53,189	377
Home to School Transport - ring fenced under spend				113
Social Services Transport – ring fenced under spend				187
Cemeteries Task & Finish – ring fenced under spend				85
NET DIRECTORATE over spend (excluding ring fenced budgets)				(8)

#### 5.2 INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION

- 5.2.1 Infrastructure is overall reporting an underspend of £408k, after excluding budget variations in relation to Home to School Transport (£113k underspend) and Social Services Transport (£187k under spend) which will be ring fenced and appropriated back to the Service Directorates, there is an underspend of £108k, this includes WG funding for lost income in some service areas.
- 5.2.2 Highway Services is reporting an underspend of £85k. This is due in the main to highway core services projecting an underspending of £83k mainly due to delays in filling vacant posts, street lighting energy together with contractor/consultants' costs (partly due to backlog from covid delays). SAB (sustainable drainage) is projecting a small underspend of £2k at this time due in the main to some salary savings and underspend on contractor payments offsetting the small reduction in income. At present winter maintenance costs are difficult to predict but it is assumed the full budget of £1.16 million) will be spent.
- 5.2.3 EPG (Engineering Projects Group) is reporting underspend of £10k with reductions in fee income being more than offset by reduced salary costs, agency costs and travel.
- 5.2.4 Transportation Engineering overall is projecting a net overspend of £28k after adjusting for the agreed use of the Covid 19 reserve to fund the Car Park income loss endorsed by Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This overspend is due in the main to a shortfall in income for On-Street Car Parking of £30k, Shortfalls in income generated from Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) of £50k (after WG funding for lost income and a reduction in CPE operational costs) along with £29k grant fee income. There are also underspends in relation vacant posts in Traffic Management £24k (which offsets most of the grant fee income shortfall) along with school crossing patrols of £51k due to vacant posts linked to sites not meeting Road Safety GB criteria.
- 5.2.5 Passenger Transport is reporting an under spend of £41k, with underspend in relation to bus subsidies and operator payments after grant income of £61k due to reduced service operation

- and additional grant income (Covid). Also, underspend in staffing costs of £30k and management fee income of £10k, which is offset by an overspend on Bus Shelter/Bus Station costs of £38k. Bus Station Departure income has a net overspend of £20k which assumes WG funding for the first six months.
- 5.2.6 At this stage Network Contracting Services (NCS) is anticipating a breakeven budget this will be monitored closely during the year.
- 5.2.7 Home to School Transport is presently projecting underspend of £113k on a £7.9million budget, in the main due to a £100k underspend in contractor costs linked to reduced service operation and WG funding for PPE costs assumed for the first 6 months.
- 5.2.8 Social Services Transport is projecting under spend of £186k including £7k on salaries and £180k for service operators offset by additional costs to support agile working offset by a small overspend in vehicle costs £1k. There is risk of operator failure leading to increased cost in future although this is partly an in-house operator function rather than private contractor.

#### 5.3 PUBLIC PROTECTION

- 5.3.1 Public Protection is presently projecting underspend of £95k on their overall revenue budget details below.
- 5.3.2 Environmental Health is currently projecting a net underspend of £159k. The main variances are: -
  - Community Safety Wardens is forecasting a £12k underspend mainly due to salary underspends for reduced hours and Airwave contract savings.
  - Enforcement is forecasting an underspend of £7k mainly due to salary underspend from staff on reduced hours and delayed filling of vacant posts, along with vehicle costs, which are more than offsetting reduction in income/fees.
  - Food Team is predicting a small underspend of £39k due to salary underspend from staff on reduced hours and delayed filling of vacant posts.
  - Pollution Control are predicting an underspend of £111k partly due to vacant posts, but primarily due to £92.5k grant received from WG to fund staffing costs linked to Hafodyrynys. At this stage it is unlikely this will be required to fund any shortfall in the purchase/compensation Capital grant received from WG to fund the acquisition and payment of compensation for the houses at Hafodyrynys, as this was practically completed in 2020/21. Hafodyrynys Compensation/Acquisition has been was funded by a ring-fenced reserve of £268k (from prior to 2020/21 grant) and an RCCO of in 2020/21 of £34k (from 2020/21 grant). There are also a number of other ongoing issues in respect of air quality, pollution and contaminated land and these are being closely monitored as any increases in this area would impact on the overall financial position.
  - Health Division is predicting an underspend of £9k due in the main to reduced staff cost for additional hours.
  - Community Safety Partnership is predicting an overspend if £20k due in the main to a loss of grant income to fund staff. It is hoped to obtain further grants to compensate.
  - Emergency Planning is predicting a £1k underspend.
- 5.3.3 Trading Standards (including Corporate and Democratic Services costs) are projecting a £19k (£17k Trading Standards & £2k Corporate and Democratic Services costs) underspend due in the main to delays in filling vacant posts and staff not at the top of the incremental scale.
- 5.3.4 Licensing are projecting a £17k underspend manly due to Staffing underspends of £28k partly offsetting reduced net income of £12k (assumes WG fund lost income for first six months) due to reductions in numbers of temporary events notices and changes to Premises and Personal licences associated with pubs and clubs and street trading applications.

- 5.3.5 Registrars are projecting a £14k underspend mainly due to reduced running costs of £34k that has been offsetting net reduced income or £20k (assumes WG fund lost income for the first six months), which is based on 2019-20 comparison.
- 5.3.6 CCTV services are projecting an underspend of £2k with salary underspend offsetting additional infrastructure cost.
- 5.3.7 Catering Services are projecting an overspend of £116k. This is due in the main to the additional uptake on FSM as a result of Covid. There are ongoing discussions with WG to try and secure additional grant to cover the increased take. The income will be monitored during the year especially as WG have lifted some of the restrictions in schools. There have been no amendments for loss of income from September as the guidance at present is unclear but as this is updated this will be addressed in future monitoring reports.

# 5.4 COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

- 5.4.1 The Community & Leisure Division is presently projecting overall a net overspend of £172k, this overspend is noted below.
- 5.4.2 Waste Management is overall presently reporting an overspend of £705k on a £10m budget. There is a possibility that some of the overall increased tonnage costs shown below can be claimed back via WG Hardship fund at year end.
  - Residual Waste is projecting an overspend of £400k due in the main to additional vehicles costs, increased costs of waste treatments (£250K) and increased staff costs due to redeployments from cleansing see 5.5.3 below.
  - Organic recycling is projecting a £26k underspend due to salary savings on vacant posts offset by additional agency staff, together with savings on contractor payments for treatment costs.
  - CA sites are projecting a £329k underspend due in the main to ongoing proof of residency policies and significant reductions in out of County waste, which has resulting in ongoing reduced treatment cost.
  - Waste Transfer Station is projecting a £6k overspend due in the main to increased transport costs
  - Dry Recycling is forecasting a £716k overspend due in the main to increased costs (£321k) due to the fire at the recycling deport and vehicle costs (£112k) due to damage and vehicle repairs.
  - RCCO (revenue contribution to capital outlay) is forecast to be £78k underspend due to no anticipated expenditure on vehicle acquisitions.
  - Bulky Waste is projecting a £10k overspend
  - Commercial Waste is projecting a £86k overspend due in the main to underachievement of income.
  - Other Waste is projecting a small £16k underspend.
  - Trehir is projecting a £5k underspend due in the reduced maintenance costs
  - Sustainable Waste Management Grant (SWMG) from WG is showing a £16k overspend as a result of revisions to WG allocations.
  - HQ staff predicted an underspend of £77k which is due to a vacant posts and reduced vehicle costs.
- 5.4.3 Cleansing Services is overall presently reporting an underspend of £481k. This is due in the main to a combination of staff vacant posts and staff continuing to be redirected to help cover waste collection rounds due to covid related and general sickness absence combined with reduced vehicle and treatment costs.
- 5.4.4 An underspend of £280k is projected for Parks & Countryside, Outdoor Facilities and Cemeteries.

- Cemeteries is reporting a £85k underspend mainly on cemetery maintenance. Any underspend in relation to cemeteries is ring fenced for future investment in cemetery infrastructure.
- Parks, Allotments and Playgrounds are reporting underspend of £110k due to vacant posts in parks.
- Outdoor facilities are reporting £20K underspend in the main due to reduced staff costs, includes pavilion attendants' costs and reduced pavilion maintenance costs
- Countryside is reporting an underspend of £50k due in the main to a member of staff on a career break that has not been replaced plus some other small areas of underspends.
- HQ is projecting a small underspend of £14k primarily due to lower plant repair costs after the purchase of new machines in March 2021.
- 5.4.5 Leisure Centres are reporting overspend of £136k. The leisure centres have had limited opening this year to date due to Covid restriction. This is accentuated by the fact that staffing costs are still being incurred and an element of other operating expenditure is fixed cost in nature and cannot easily be reduced while the centres have been closed. The overspend projection does however include WG funding for net lost income, assumed to year end based on 2019-20 net figures. This overspend is still anticipated because historically over the past few year's leisure centres have underachieved income budget although budget growth and lifting of restrictions may aid the overspend. This will be monitored during the year. The overspend on Leisure Centres is part offset by a £38k underspend in Leisure HQ, primarily due to vacant posts and reduced spend on marketing and training.
- 5.4.6 Community Centres are at present projecting a breakeven position with any reductions in operating costs they hope to utilise to bring forward maintenance on these buildings.
- 5.4.7 Caerphilly Adventures is reporting an underspend of £22k.
- 5.4.8 Sports Development is projecting a slight overspend of £14k due in the main to reduced numbers of direct GP referrals. As restrictions are lifted it is hoped the income levels will increase. There maybe an opportunity to seek WG lost income funds nearer year end.
- 5.4.9 Vehicle Maintenance & Fleet Management is currently projecting overspend of £140k, primarily due to a reduction in repair work. The outturn position will be dependent on the value of work through the workshop over the next few months and the ability to finance fixed overheads.
- 5.4.10 Building Cleaning is at present reporting underspend of £49k. Building Cleaning work has been affected by the Covid 19 crisis, with limited or no cleaning for a period being undertaken at Council buildings such as schools, leisure centres, tourism venues and libraries. However, building cleaning have needed to provide enhanced cleaning to school hubs and corporate offices and increased cleaning regimes at schools in preparation for schools reopening for the autumn term and during the autumn term. The decision was also made for all Council internal charges to be levied, so Building Cleaning services are still generating the income needed to cover staffing costs.

# 5.5 Conclusion

5.5.1 Members are advised that Economy & Environment Directorate provides a very diverse range of front-line services to residents and businesses. The overall Directorate has a budget totalling £53.565m. with a projected net overspend of £8k in a very turbulent year where service provision and ability to achieve income has been significantly disrupted. Financial pressures this year, have been further significantly increased by the impact the Covid 19 crisis has had on service provision, with a number of services not being provided or being significantly curtailed and some services experiencing significant reductions in income generation. The operational managers will endeavour to ensure however that service net

expenditure does not exceed the budget available and where applicable income loss claims will be submitted to WG.

#### 6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 Assumptions linked to this report were detailed in the budget report to Council on 24th February 2021.
- 6.2 The projected outturn position is based on actual income and expenditure details to the end of June 2021.
- 6.3 Forecasts have been made following discussions with Managers based on current information available.
- 6.4 All assumptions are linked to Covid 19 and the possible lifting of any restrictions that take place.
- An exercise took place to advise WG of net external income losses for April to June 2021, in the context that these will be funded by WG. Further claims are expected and projections are included where applicable in this report.

#### 7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An IIA is not necessary for this Information Only Report.

# 8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 As detailed throughout the report.

#### 9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

# 10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been reflected in this report.

# 11. STATUTORY POWER.

11.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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## Appendices:

Appendix 1A Budget Monitoring Report - Regeneration and Planning Appendix 1B Budget Monitoring Report - Infrastructure Services Division Appendix 1C Budget Monitoring Report - Public Protection Division Appendix 1D Budget Monitoring Report - Community and Leisure Services

# **Background Papers:**

Council (24/02/21) - Budget Proposals for 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Outlook

Appendix 1a

		Revised		Appendix 1a
Economy and Environment Directorate	Estimate 2021/2022	Estimate 2021/2022	Outturn 2021/2022	Variance 2021/2022
REGENERATION & PLANNING				
Regeneration & Planning Senior Management Support	149,217	149,217	144,775	4,442
Regeneration & Planning Administrative Support	548,803	548,803	519,252	29,551
	340,003	340,003	319,232	29,551
Support Services	500.005	500 005	574.405	(40.000)
Business Support & Urban Renewal	563,905	563,905	574,185	(10,280)
Events	79,001	79,001	67,419	*
Property Operations	(1,218,726)	(1,218,726)	(1,138,227)	(80,499)
Town Centre Management	197,933	197,933	183,580	14,353
Tourism Venues				
Tourism Venues Management Support	75,117	75,117	74,900	217
Llanciach Fawr	466,596	466,596	470,675	(4,079)
Winding House & Museum	159,305	159,305	138,082	21,223
Caerphilly Visitor Centre	62,944	62,944	99,356	(36,412)
Cwmcarn Visitor Centre	245,061	245,061	305,778	(60,717)
Blackwood Miners Institute	305,955	305,955	287,766	18,189
Arts Development	158,322	158,322	143,959	14,363
Community Regeneration	140,614	140,614	56,780	83,834
Use of Reserves for Apprentice Gateway Scheme	0	0	(33,804)	33,804
Children & Communities Grant				
Expenditure	819,003	819,003	738,302	80,701
Grant Funding	(819,003)	(819,003)	(738,302)	(80,701)
C4W Grant				
Expenditure	603,010	603,010	515,298	87,712
Grant Funding	(603,010)	(603,010)	(515,298)	(87,712)
Communities for Work Plus Additional Funding				
Expenditure	412,399	412,399	221,883	190,516
Grant Funding	(412,399)	(412,399)	(221,883)	(190,516)
Planning Services				
Planning Services Management	144,154	144,154	146,221	(2,067)
Strategic Planning	334,958	334,958	415,253	(80,295)
Transfer to Community Infrastructure Levy Ringfenced Reserve			(97,640)	97,640
Development Control	199,691	199,691	234,873	(35,182)
Building Control	76,191	76,191	42,278	33,913
Land Charges	14,171	14,171	33,607	(19,436)
GIS & Land Gazetteer	163,198	163,198	151,918	11,280
TOTAL NET BUDGET	2,866,410	2,866,410	2,820,984	45,426

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Economy and Environment Directorate	Page No	Estimate 2021/2022	Revised Estimate 2021/2022	Outturn 2021/2022	Variance 2021/2022
INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION					
HIGHWAY SERVICES		9,225,831	9,225,831	9,141,111	84,720
ENGINEERING PROJECTS GROUP		(93,085)	(93,085)	(103,332)	10,247
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING Agreed Use of Covid 19 Reserve to fund Car Patk income		516,492 0	516,492 0	868,689 (324,000)	(352,197) 324,000
PASSENGER TRANSPORT		1,665,286	1,665,286	1,624,310	40,976
HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT		7,923,081	7,923,081	7,809,790	113,291
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORT		1,564,373	1,564,373	1,377,820	186,553
NETWORK CONTRACTING SERVICES		(127,514)	(127,514)	(127,514)	0
ENGINEERING - GENERAL		19,482	19,482	19,252	230
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE		20,693,946	20,693,946	20,286,126.00	407,820

Appendix 1C

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Economy and Environment Directorate	Page	Estimate	Estimate	Outturn	Variance
	No	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022`
PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION					
TRADING STANDARDS		773,421	773,421	756,894	16,527
LICENSING		98,218	98,218	80,749	17,469
REGISTRARS		54,532	54,532	40,142	14,390
ссти		423,218	423,218	421,748	1,470
COMMUNITY WARDENS		232,077	232,077	220,567	11,510
CORPORATE AND DEMOCRATIC COSTS (CDC)		57,633	57,633	55,475	2,158
HEALTH DIVISIONAL BUDGET		295,082	295,082	286,496	8,586
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP		47,865	47,865	67,888	(20,023)
ENFORCEMENT		663,822	663,822	657,204	6,618
POLLUTION		402,007	402,007	290,934	111,073
FOOD TEAM		639,679	639,679	600,267	39,412
		(50,946)	(50,946)	(50,946)	Ô
EMERGENCY PLANNING		106,705	106,705	105,383	1,322
CATERING		3,799,763	3,799,763	3,915,752	(115,989)
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE		7,543,076	7,543,076	7,448,553	94,523

Appendix 1D

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Economy and Environment Directorate	Page No	Estimate 2021/2022	Revised Estimate 2021/2022	Outturn 2021/2022	Variance 2021/2022
COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES					
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
Residual Waste		2,676,976	2,676,976	3,077,664	(400,688)
Organics recycling		1,232,664	1,232,664	1,206,442	26,222
Civic Amenity Sites		3,015,585	3,015,585	2,686,928	
Waste Transfer Station		119,329	119,329	125,358	
Dry Recycling		2,539,307	2,539,307	3,255,456	(716,149)
RCCO		77,933	77,933	0	77,933
Bulky Waste		133,874	133,874	144,738	(10,864)
Commercial Waste		(351,696)	(351,696)	(265,723)	(85,973)
Other Waste		23,322	23,322	7,500	15,822
Trehir		132,437	132,437	127,008	5,429
Sustainable Waste Management Grant		(849,804)	(849,804)	(833,848)	(15,956)
HQ Staff		1,248,937	1,248,937	1,172,295	76,642
CLEANSING					
Street Cleansing		4,284,763	4,284,763	3,803,364	481,399
GROUND MAINTENANCE AND PARKS					
Cemeteries		(202,692)	(202,692)	(287,463)	84,771
Allotments		38,088	38,088	32,929	5,159
Parks and Playing Fields		1,778,529	1,778,529	1,674,282	104,247
Playgrounds		278,610	278,610	277,688	922
Outdoor facilities		238,864	238,864	218,823	20,041
Countryside		951,755	951,755	901,532	50,223
HQ Staffing		1,002,709	1,002,709	988,221	14,488
LEISURE SERVICES					
Leisure Centres		2,966,166	2,966,166	3,110,973	(144,807)
Sports & Health Development		21,875	21,875	35,934	(14,059)
Outdoor Education		249,038	249,038	226,354	22,684
Community Centres		361,758	361,758	361,758	0
		21,968,327	21,968,327	22,048,213	(79,886)
Building Cleaning		594,603	594,603	546,100	48,503
Vehicle Maintenance & Fleet Management		(278,651)	(278,651)	(138,417)	(140,234)
Total net expenditure Community & Leisure Services		22,284,279	22,284,279	22,455,896	(171,617)
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# ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET 2021/2022 - ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

**DIRECTORATE** 

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide information to Members on the revenue budget for 2021/2022 for the Economy and Environment Directorate, including Regeneration & Planning Division, Infrastructure Division, Public Protection Division and Community & Leisure Services Division.

#### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report summarises the revenue budget for the above services for the financial year 2021/2022.
- 2.2 It attaches, as appendices 1a to 1d, the summary budget for the services outlined in paragraph 1.1 above.
- 2.3 Budget monitoring reports will be prepared throughout the financial year to ensure that Members are updated on projected spend against budgets.

# 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Members are requested to note the contents of this report and the budget summary pages that follow in respect of the Infrastructure Services Division, Public Protection Division and the Community & Leisure Services Division, which all fall within the remit of the Committee.

# 4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To ensure that the Scrutiny Committee is provided with full details of the 2021/2022 revenue budgets for the Economy and Environment Directorate, including Regeneration & Planning Division, which falls outside the remit of this Scrutiny.

# 5. THE REPORT

# 5.1 INTRODUCTION

- 5.1.1 The Welsh Government's Revenue Support Grant (RSG) for Caerphilly CBC for the 2021/2022 financial year is a net cash increase of £9 m (3.1%) after adjusting for changes in the Council Tax base.
- 5.1.2 Specific grants transferred into the Settlement for Caerphilly CBC were £247k, which related to the 2020-2021 teachers pay award.
- 5.1.3 Members will recall that due to the increase in the Financial Settlement and the approved uplift in Council Tax of 3.9%, there were no additional savings required for the 2021/2022 financial year to deliver a balanced budget. The centrally held savings in advance from 2020/21 have also now been utilised as part of the approved budget for 2021/22.
- 5.1.4 The approved 2021/2022 budgets for the Economy and Environment Directorate include a number of budgetary changes agreed by Council, which are summarised in the table in paragraph 5.1.8 below and incorporated into the budget pages attached as appendices 1a to 1d.
- 5.1.5 Additional budget of £163k has been allocated to the Directorate revenue budgets for inescapable cost pressures in relation to non- pay inflation (0.75%), Fees and Charges (0.75%) and the Living Wage.
- 5.1.6 Budget growth of £1.672m has been provided to the Economy and Environment Directorate. The Regeneration & Planning Division has received £628k for additional staff and income budget realignment. The Infrastructure Division has received £627k in respect of a review of parking charges and additional costs in Home to School Transport Services. The Community & Leisure Services Division has received £417k in relation to the review of parking charges and income budget realignments..
- 5.1.7 There were no savings applied to the budget to support the Council's financial position in 2021/2022.
- 5.1.8 Table 1 also summarises other general budget adjustments including transfers in relation to service realignment. Overall, the Economy and Environment Directorate net controllable budget for 2021/2022 has increased by £1.835 million compared to 2020/2021, increasing from £51.728million to £53.563million.

		REGENERATION &	COMMUNITY	PUBLIC		
TABLE 1	INFRASTRUCTURE	PLANNING	& LEISURE	PROTECTION	DIRECTOR	Total
	£	£	£		£	£
Revised Budget 2020-21	19,969.00	2,246.00	21,823.00	7,513.00	177.00	51,728.00
		·				0.00
Living Wage	0.00	0.00	21.00	11.00	0.00	32.00
Non - Pay Inflation (0.75%)	112.00	24.00	73.00	23.00	1.00	233.00
Fees & Charges (0.75%)	(15.00)	(32.00)	(50.00)	(4.00)	0.00	(101.00)
Inescapable Service Pressures						
Planning Staffing/Income Budget Realignment	0.00	428.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	428.00
Income Budget Realignment - Llancaiach Fawr	0.00	83.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.00
Income Budget Realignment - Industrial Property	0.00	117.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.00
Parking Charge Review	40.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Home To School Transport	587.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	587.00
Income Budget Realignment -Leisure Centres	0.00	0.00	273.00	0.00	0.00	273.00
Income Budget Realignment - Caerphilly Adventures	0.00	0.00	94.00	0.00	0.00	94.00
						0.00
Budget 2021-22	20,693.00	2,866.00	22,284.00	7,543.00	178.00	53,564.00

#### 5.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

- 5.2.1 The Infrastructure Service Division received additional 2021/22 budget of £97k for inescapable cost pressures along with budget growth for Home to School Transport (£587k) and £40k arising from a review of car parking charges.
- 5.2.2 The Infrastructure Division budget for 2021/2022 includes ring-fenced budgets in relation to Home to School transport (£7.923million) and Social Services transport (£1.564million), which represent circa 46% of the overall Infrastructure budget. Any year-end budget over or under spends in relation to these specific services will be identified separately and transferred back to the Education Directorate and Social Services Directorate respectively.

#### 5.3 **REGENERATION AND PLANNING**

- 5.3.1 The Regeneration & Planning Service Division budget for 2021/2022 includes £620k for inescapable cost pressures and budget growth. The growth items relate to: -
  - £428k in Planning for additional staff and the realignment of fee income targets.
  - Income budget realignment of £117k for Industrial Property rentals.
  - Income budget realignment of £83k for Llancaiach Fawr.
- 5.3.2 The Welsh Government "Children & Communities Grant" is partially run by Regeneration officers, with the funding supporting vulnerable people and communities. The level of funding allocated to Regeneration for 2021/2022 is £819k. In future years allocations of funding may well change. WG provided an additional amount of £412k to support people and communities. Additionally, there is an allocation via the European Social Fund for "Communities for Work" of £603k.

#### 5.4 **COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES**

- 5.4.1 The Division has received additional budget to fund inescapable cost pressures of £44k and budget growth of £417k to support budget realignments as shown below: -
  - Countryside has been allocated £50k income budget realignment as part of the car parking charge review agreed by cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, which included the removal of parking charges in Country Parks.
  - Leisure Services has been allocated £367k to support income budget realignment. This relates to £273k for Leisure Centres and £94k for Caerphilly Adventures.

#### 5.5 PUBLIC PROTECTION

5.5.1 The Division has received additional budget of £29k for inescapable cost pressures including an additional £11k towards Living Wage increases in Catering.

#### 5.6 **CONCLUSION**

- 5.6.1 The Economy and Environment Directorate provides a diverse range of services as outlined in the report and appendices. The report notes that the services face significant ongoing financial pressures and budgetary growth has been allocated in a number of areas.
- 5.6.2 For the 2021/2022 financial year, the Covid-19 crisis will continue to have a significant impact on the financial position of many services in the Economy and Environment Directorate. The Welsh Government will continue to provide financial support to Local

Authorities during the 2021/22 financial year through the Covid-19 Hardship Fund but the position in the medium to longer term is likely to be challenging.

#### 6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 All assumptions linked to the Authority's budget strategy for financial year 2021/22 are detailed in the Report agreed by Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- 6.2 The 2021/22 Budget does not include additional costs or income losses associated with Covid-19, this is on the assumption that these costs will continue to be funded through the Welsh Government Covid-19 Hardship Fund.
- A range of other assumptions have been made in setting the Authority's budget, this is in respect of pay and non-pay inflationary increases and inescapable service pressures.

### 7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An IIA is not necessary for this Information Only Report.

#### 8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 As identified throughout the report.

#### 9 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Included in the Service Division budget savings summarised in the report are savings in relation to staff restructures and vacancy management, these will be managed in accordance with HR policies.

#### 10 CONSULTATIONS

10.1 There are no consultation responses, which have not been included in this report.

#### 11 STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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#### Background Papers:

Divisional budget papers 2021/2022.

# Appendices:

Appendix 1A Summary Budget - Infrastructure Services Division

Appendix 1B Summary Budget - Regeneration and Planning

Appendix 1C Summary Budget - Community and Leisure Services

Appendix 1D Summary Budget - Public Protection Division

#### Links to other Documents:

Minutes Council Meeting 24/02/2021: Budget Proposals 2021/2022 and Medium-Term Financial Outlook

Appendix 1A

Economy and Environment Directorate	Page No	Estimate 2020/2021	Revised Estimate 2020/2021	Budget 2021/2022
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIVISION				
HIGHWAY SERVICES		9,157,623	9,166,412	9,225,831
ENGINEERING PROJECTS GROUP		(92,163)	(83,224)	(93,085)
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING		473,521	483,081	516,492
PASSENGER TRANSPORT		1,648,785	1,650,960	1,665,286
HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT		7,281,504	7,282,962	7,923,081
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORT		1,552,829	1,557,420	1,564,373
NETWORK CONTRACTING SERVICES		(124,899)	(107,948)	(127,514)
INFRASTRUCTURE - GENERAL		19,336	19,336	19,482
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE		19,916,536	19,968,999	20,693,946

Appendix 1B

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			Revised	
Economy and Environment Directorate	Page	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	No	2020/2021	2020/2021	2021/2022
DECEMENATION & DI ANNINO				
REGENERATION & PLANNING		044.000	040 400	4.40.047
Regeneration & Planning Senior Management Support		211,926	213,483	149,217
Regeneration & Planning Administrative Support		533,470	537,133	548,803
Support Services				
Business Support & Urban Renewal		577,380	580,247	563,905
Events		78,253	78,540	79,001
Property Operations		(1,325,762)	(1,325,762)	(1,218,726)
Town Centre Management		199,209	200,061	197,933
Tourism Venues				
Tourism Venues Tourism Venues Management Support		61,529	61,978	75,117
The state of the s		· ·		466,596
Llanciachfawr		380,853	384,887	
Winding House & Museum		157,930	158,688	159,305
Caerphilly Visitor Centre		62,073	63,153	62,944
Cwmcarn Visitor Centre		243,165	246,018	245,061
Blackwood Miners Institute		302,847	305,485	305,955
Arts Development		157,175	158,134	158,322
Community Regeneration		139,591	140,371	140,614
Children & Communities Grant				
Expenditure		1,403,068	1,497,754	819,003
Grant Funding		(1,403,068)	(1,497,754)	(819,003)
C4W Grant		( ,,,	( , - , - ,	(,,
Expenditure		597,465	597,465	603,010
Grant Funding		(597,465)	(597,465)	(603,010)
Communities for Work Plus Additional Funding		(001,100)	(001,100)	(000,010)
Expenditure		0	191,961	412,399
Grant Funding		0	(191,961)	(412,399)
Planning Services				
Planning Services Management		78,027	78,605	144,154
		328,030	330,205	334,958
Strategic Planning				
Development Control		(77,450)	(74,448)	199,691
Building Control		(48,994)	(47,619)	76,191
Land Charges		(5,749)	(5,316)	14,171
GIS & Land Gazetteer		160,694	161,867	163,198
TOTAL NET BUDGET		2,214,197	2,245,710	2,866,410

Appendix 1C

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Economy and Environment Directorate	Page No	Estimate 2020/21	Revised Estimate 2020/21	Estimate 2021/2022
COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES				
WASTE MANAGEMENT				
Residual Waste		2,282,953	2,286,943	2,676,976
Organics recycling		1,350,335	1,356,607	1,232,664
Civic Amenity Sites		3,082,763	3,086,961	3,015,585
Waste Transfer Station		107,968	108,232	119,329
Dry Recycling		2,714,455	2,721,197	2,539,307
RCCO		391,000	391,000	77,933
Bulky Waste		128,220	128,583	133,874
Commercial Waste		(508,650)	(507,555)	(351,696)
Other Waste		23,148	23,148	23,322
Trehir		131,451	131,451	132,437
Sustainable Waste Management Grant		(849,804)	(849,804)	(849,804)
HQ Staff		1,232,590	1,239,736	1,248,937
CLEANSING				
Street Cleansing		4,079,727	4,100,682	4,284,763
GROUND MAINTENANCE AND PARKS				
Cemeteries		(201,269)	(198,904)	(202,692)
Allotments		37,804	37,804	38,088
Parks and Playing Fields		1,763,051	1,776,584	1,778,529
Playgrounds		276,548	277,171	278,610
Outdoor facilities		237,104	238,049	238,864
Community Assets Funding		0	0	0
Countryside		893,301	902,218	951,755
HQ Staffing		998,661	1,004,010	1,002,709
LEISURE SERVICES				
Leisure Centres		2,672,870	2,702,129	2,966,166
Sports & Health Development		21,480	21,782	21,875
Outdoor Education		153,993	157,752	249,038
Community Centres		359,171	361,349	361,758
		21,378,870	21,497,125	
		21,370,070	21,497,120	21,968,327
Building Cleaning		570,558	598,354	594,603
Vehicle Maintenance & Fleet Management		(276,299)	(272,270)	(278,651)
Total net expenditure Community & Leisure Services		21,673,129	21,823,209	22,284,279

Appendix 1D

			Revised	
Economy and Environment Directorate	Page	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	No	2020/210	2020/21	2021/2022
PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION				
TRADING STANDARDS		772,055	777,353	773,421
LICENSING		91,989	94,838	98,218
REGISTRARS		53,417	55,629	54,532
ссти		417,023	420,081	423,218
COMMUNITY WARDENS		239,720	240,083	232,077
CORPORATE AND DEMOCRATIC COSTS (CDC)		57,631	58,052	57,633
HEALTH DIVISIONAL BUDGET		293,052	294,906	295,082
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP		46,963	47,624	47,865
ENFORCEMENT		642,501	646,647	663,822
POLLUTION		398,936	401,196	402,007
FOOD TEAM Earmarked Reserve For EHO		591,349	595,703	639,679 (50,946)
EMERGENCY PLANNING		105,923	106,634	106,705
CATERING		3,739,710	3,773,573	3,799,763
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE		7,450,269	7,512,319	7,543,076



# ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: REVENUE GRANTS 2021/2022

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2021/2022 for Economy and Environment Directorate.

#### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2021/2022 revenue grant funding for Economy and Environment Directorate. The report excludes grant funded schemes where CCBC merely act as banker for Partnership schemes. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes to bids.
- 2.2 The report is provided to ensure that Members are aware of grants and their intended purpose. Further details of individual grants can be made available to Members if requested.

### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Members are requested to note the contents of this report and the summary grant pages that follow in respect of Infrastructure Services Division, Public Protection Division and Community & Leisure Services Division, which all fall within the remit of this Scrutiny.

# 4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To inform Members of the 2021/2022 revenue grant funding position for Economy and Environment Directorate.

#### 5. THE REPORT

5.1 The attached appendix provides summary details of revenue grants currently available to the Directorate in 2021/2022. It includes a list of the grants, the grant

funding bodies, the value of the grant, a brief description of the purpose of the funding, together with details of the responsible officer. As highlighted in the appendix, there is a diverse range of grants available to the Authority.

- 5.2 Grants will have an agreed set of terms and conditions, covering the type of initiatives and expenditure that will be funded, the methods for submitting grant claims and documentary evidence required in support of the claims. The grant funding body will request information to satisfy itself that the grant monies have been spent in accordance with its terms and conditions. Expenditure in respect of some grants is subject to an external audit.
- 5.3 Where required, external audit would assess expenditure against the terms and conditions of the grant and this assessment would normally comprise a random sample of spend, followed by an in-depth scrutiny of the sampled items. This could involve ensuring proper procurement processes have been adhered to, and/or assets purchased have been located, along with the confirmation that spend complies with the conditions of the grant. The External Auditors produce a report annually summarising any issues that have come to light during their audit of the Authority's grants.

#### 5.4 **CONCLUSION**

External grant funding is very important in helping the Authority deliver some key services and appendix 1 summarises the revenue grants for 2021/2022 and the service areas they support. It is important that services receiving grant adhere to any specific terms and conditions linked to the grant and ensure financial processes and procedures are in place in relation to expenditure incurred and grant claims produced.

#### 6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 There are no assumptions in this report.

#### 7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An IIA is not necessary for this Information Only Report.

#### 8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Grant funding for service initiatives and schemes can change from year to year and uncertainty of funding or reductions in funding needs to be considered and managed, including implications for future service provision, employment implications, possible redundancy costs and alternative funding streams.
- 8.2 Expenditure must comply with the grant terms and conditions, and/or bids. Failure to comply may result in a qualification of the grant by the External Auditors, which could result in the clawback of the grant funding.

#### 9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Grant funded services provide employment opportunities within the Authority and loss of or reduced grant provision can sometimes impact on employment and possible redundancy.

#### 10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 There are no consultation responses which have not been included in this report.

#### 11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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Background Papers:

Grant Allocation Reports 2021/2022

Appendices:

Appendix 1- Schedule of Economy and Environment Directorate Grants 2021/2022

Appendix 1 - Schedule of Economy & Environment Directorate Revenue Grant Funding for 2021-22

Grant	Funding Body	Grant Funding 2021/2022	Grant Funding 2020/2021	Matched Funding	Division	Lead Officer	Purpose of Grant	Subject to Audit
Rural Development Plan (RDP) 2014-2020	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£354,000	£386,083	Yes	Planning - Countryside	RDP Delivery Manager	Regeneration Initiatives in rural areas through community engagement and development.	Yes
Aberbargoed Grasslands SSSI	National Resources Wales (NRW)	TBC awaiting details from Countryside Manager	£20,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund the Aberbargoed Grasslands SSSI	No
Agriculture & Farming - Ynys Hywel Farm	Welsh Government (WG)	TBC awaiting details from Countryside Manager	£8,000	No	Planning - Countryside	Countryside Manager	To part fund / subsidise farming activities at Ynys Hywel Farm	No
Local Sport Plan	Sports Council for Wales (SCW)	£566,275	£566,275	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Support the development of physical activities in CCBC	No
60Plus Activity	Sports Council for Wales (SCW)	£26,241	£0	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Support the development of physical activities in CCBC.	No
National Exercise Referral Scheme	Public Health Wales	£138,600	£138,600	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Provide exercise schemes to support over 16's at risk of chronic disease	No
Disability Sports Grant	Federation of Disability Sports Wales (FDSW)	£20,698	£21,598	No	Community & Leisure - Sports Development	Sports & Leisure Development Manager	Provision of sport activities for people with disabilities	No
Sustainable Waste Management Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£833,848	£888,479	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Waste Strategy & Operations Manager	Waste Resource Management including resource efficiency through waste prevention, recycling and landfill diversion.	Yes
Caru Cymru Partnership	Welsh Government (WG)	£30,000	£30,000	No	Community & Leisure - Waste Management & Cleaning	Special Projects Officer	Caring for the Environmnet and Keeps Wales Tidy initiatives. Funding via Caru Cymru	Yes
Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£105,000	£105,000	No	Infrastructure	Senior Engineer Corporate Land Drainage	Flood alleviation initiatives	No
Road Safety Revenue Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£77,800	£45,858	No	Infrastructure	Transport Engineering Manager	Provision of 4 Road Safety activities comprising of Kerb craft, National Standards Cycle Training, Pass Plus Cymru & Megadrive.	No
Bus Services Support Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£427,454	£426,430	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To support Local and Rural Bus Services with a minimum requirement for Community Transport. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC who are the lead Authority.	
Concessionary Fares Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£3,386,000	£3,386,000	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards the Concessionary Fares Scheme operated by WG via each Local Authority and its Bus Service Contracts.  Figure is indicative only and paid on actual basis plus administration less £934,000 CCBC contribution. Also this mechanism may be changing in the future on how grant is administered, claimed & paid	Yes

Bus Service Operators Grant (Connect 2)	Welsh Government (WG)	£10,000	£9,000	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards Bus Service Operators Costs and based on kilometre's travelled. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC the lead Authority. Figure is indicative only and are normally paid on actual mileage travelled but 21/22 is based on 19/20 figures due to Covid-19	No
Bus Service Operators Grant (Social Services Transport)	Welsh Government (WG)	£45,000	£45,000	No	Infrastructure	Principal Passenger Transport Officer	To pay towards Bus Service Operators Costs and based on kilometre's travelled. This is a WG funded grant but is claimed via Monmouthshire CC the lead Authority. Figure is indicative only and are normally paid on actual mileage travelled but 21/22 is based on 19/20 figures due to Covid-19	No
Arts Council for Wales (ACW) Revenue Grant	Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	£130,798	£130,798	No	Regeneration & Planning	Destination & Events Manager	Development of arts provision in CCBC via the Blackwood Miners Institute (BMI)	Yes
Children & Communities Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£819,003	£1,403,067	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	Children & Communities Grant (CCG) which incorporatesC4W+ togeather with 6 other grants into one funding allocation. Overall Allocation is £9,760,865	Yes
C4WPlus Additional Grant	Welsh Government (WG)	£412,399	£0	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	Additional Grant from WG to support C4W+ .	Yes
C4W (Communities For Work)	EU funding via Welsh Government (WG)	£603,010	£597,465	No	Regeneration & Planning - Community Regeneration	Community Regeneration Manager	As compensation for services in relation to the C4W programme in each Cluster	Yes
SCHOOL MILK	EU funding & Welsh Government (WG) & Health	£292,900	£292,900	NO	Public Protection	Catering Manager	Grant value approximate as based on milk uptake, also varies according to exchange rate	No
Total: -		£8,279,026	£8,500,553					